

acknowledge them for their remarkable work and pass along my condolences to their family and friends.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 27, 2016

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, on April 26, 2016, I was unable to be present for votes. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on roll call no. 164, passage of H.R. 4820, the Combating Terrorist Recruitment Act of 2016, and "yes" on roll call no. 165, passage of H.R. 4096, the Investor Clarity and Bank Parity Act.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF TIFFANY JOSLYN

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 27, 2016

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, today, as Ranking Member of the Committee on the Judiciary, I join with my colleagues, Chairman BOB GOODLATTE of Virginia, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations Chairman F. JAMES SENSENBRENNER, JR. of Wisconsin and Subcommittee Ranking Member SHEILA JACKSON LEE of Texas, in celebrating and recognizing the life and accomplishments of Tiffany May Joslyn, who sadly passed away on March 5, 2016.

A 2004 graduate of Clark University and a 2007 graduate of George Washington University Law School, Tiffany was a dedicated public servant, highly-respected counsel to the Committee, and beloved colleague.

Tiffany worked diligently and with distinction for nearly seven years as an attorney for the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NACDL). As a co-author of numerous studies and reports, she played a critical role in the NACDL's efforts to fight for effective representation of the accused.

After her work with the NACDL, Tiffany joined the House Judiciary Committee Democratic staff as Deputy Chief Counsel of the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations in 2015. In her time serving the Committee, Tiffany helped Crime Subcommittee Ranking Member JACKSON LEE and other Committee Members make historic advances in the cause of reforming our broken criminal justice system.

She was dedicated to addressing youth justice issues, recognizing the need to value all of our young people and allow them to grow into adulthood without the burdens of the mistakes of their youth. Among her most prominent accomplishments while working for the Judiciary Committee are important bills such as H.R. 3713, The Sentencing Reform Act; H.R. 1854, The Comprehensive Justice and Mental Health Act; H.R. 3406, the Second Chance Reauthorization Act; and H.R. 759, the Corrections and Recidivism Reduction Act of 2016. She was also vital in assisting Ranking Member JACKSON LEE draft several youth justice bills: H.R. 3158, the Reforming Alter-

natives to Incarceration and Sentencing to Establish A Better Path for Youth Act of 2015 (RAISE Act), H.R. 3156, The Fair Chance for Youth Act of 2015, and H.R. 3155, The Effective and Humane Treatment of Youth Act of 2015.

Though her life was cut short by tragedy, Tiffany had a profound and positive impact on her community and our country. Today and always, we remember and appreciate her devotion to public service, her drive to make our nation more equal and fair, her wise and dedicated counsel, and the friendships she developed with us and her colleagues.

We are grateful for the time we were able to spend with Tiffany, and for her invaluable work on the Committee. It is in her honor and spirit that we continue the fight to reform our criminal justice system.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RICHARD L. HANNA

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 27, 2016

Mr. HANNA. Mr. Speaker, on Roll Call Number 164 on H.R. 4820, I am not recorded because I was absent for personal reasons. Had I been present, I would have voted Aye.

ISRAEL THREATS

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 27, 2016

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the State of Israel has always been threatened by nations and terror groups that hate Israel simply because it is a Jewish state. In recent years, the threats to Israel have become even more dangerous. Just this week, 16 people were wounded in a bus bombing in Jerusalem.

The volatile civil war in Syria has allowed the region to become a full-blown terrorist haven which directly threatens Israeli security. Al-Qaeda's Syrian affiliate, the al Nusra Front, has literally straddled the Syrian-Israeli border. ISIS, which is even more brutal than al-Qaeda, controls large parts of Syria and Iraq, and it won't be long before they turn their sights on Israel. Lebanese Hezbollah, which is also heavily imbedded in the Syrian civil war, acts as Iran's terrorist proxy. Iran has moved advanced weapons systems into Lebanon, including anti-ship cruise missiles, air defense systems, and precision-guided surface-to-surface missiles. That means Hezbollah has an estimated 150,000 missiles sitting in their stockpile. Equally concerning is that Hezbollah is amassing valuable tactical experience while fighting in this Syrian civil war that could be used against Israel.

Compounding the terrorist threat in Israel is the recent spate of Palestinian lone-wolf attacks, which include stabbings, vehicle ramming, and shootings. The latest wave of attacks has killed 34 people and injured over 400. Among those killed were two American citizens: Ezra Schwartz of Massachusetts and Taylor Force from my home state of Texas. These attacks are directly fueled by the hateful incitement of the Palestinian Authority which must be stymied.

Meanwhile, down in Gaza, Israeli officials now believe that Hamas has completely replenished its rocket supply that Israel depleted in 2014. Just recently Israeli officials announced the discovery of a new tunnel built by Hamas into leading into Israel. The sole purpose of these tunnels is to secure arms supply lines and then strike at the heart of Israeli population centers.

Aside from terrorism, the global Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) movement has led an onslaught of de-legitimization campaigns targeting Israel in recent years. Five American scholarly associations have already joined this cause citing what they refer to as Israel's "violation of human rights." Interestingly, the organizations only boycott Israel and not other countries with much worse human rights records.

Israel must also deal with the fallout from the Iran nuclear deal made by this Administration. Iran's most recent ballistic missile test launched missiles marked with the words "Israel must be wiped off the earth." Thanks to this deal, it is only a matter of time before the mullahs in Tehran develop a nuclear weapon and aim it towards Israel. It's no wonder why Israeli leaders call the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action a "bad deal" that threatens Israel's survival.

You would think that with all these threats facing our ally Israel, the United States would draw closer to its friend and help it protect itself. But that has not happened. Despite these threats, our relationship with Israel has become strained under this Administration. We must do more to repair our partnership and protect our friends and allies in Israel from the growing dangers that surround them. We must recognize that the threats that confront Israel also confront the United States. The same terrorist groups that want to destroy Israel also want to destroy the United States. The same Iran that calls Israel the 'little Satan' also calls the United States the 'Great Satan'. We must face these common threats together.

And that's just the way it is.

ESSAY BY KANIKA DRAKSHARAM

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 27, 2016

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I am privileged to interact with some of the brightest students in the 22nd Congressional District who serve on my Congressional Youth Advisory Council. I have gained much by listening to the high school students who are the future of this great nation. They provide important insight from across the political spectrum that sheds a light on the concerns of our younger constituents. Giving voice to their priorities will hopefully instill a better sense of the importance of being an active participant in the political process. Many of the students have written short essays on a variety of topics and I am pleased to share them with my House colleagues.

Kanika Draksharam attends Clements High School in Sugar Land, Texas. The essay topic is: Select an important event that has occurred in the past year and explain how that event has changed/shaped our country.